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JOINT MUNITIONS COMMAND

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Veterans' Organizations Can Receive Free Ceremonial Ammunition

ROCK ISLAND, Ill. – The Joint Munitions Command provides blank ammunition and clips to American Legion posts, Veterans of Foreign Wars posts, Disabled American Veterans chapters, as well as other veteran organizations free of charge, to perform military funeral honors, parades, and other events.

To order and receive the blank ammunition and/or clips, the organization must first have weapons issued through the ceremonial rifle program at the US Army TACOM Life Cycle Management Command in Warren, Mich. Organizations that use privately owned weapons or borrow weapons are not eligible to receive ammunition in this program. Only organization officers can request the blank ammunition and/or clips.

Accepted organizations can receive one or two boxes of ammunition per request. The use of ammunition obtained from sources other than JMC is prohibited, as it may result in damage to the rifle. More importantly, it could cause harm or serious injury to the user.

Joint Munitions Command is the Department of Defense's expert in ammunition. The blank ammunition is produced at the JMC's Lake City Army Ammunition Plant in Independence, Mo. The plant makes more than one billion rounds of small arms ammunition for the US military, other government agencies, and NATO allies each year, including all types of 5.56 mm, 7.62 mm and .50-caliber ammunition.

Providing ammunition for ceremonies is a traditional mission for JMC. Since the end of World War II, the Army has been supplying the ceremonial ammunition to veterans' organizations to conduct military honors for their fallen comrades.

The ceremonial rifle and ammunition program is conducted in accordance with Title 10, United States Code § 4683 (as implemented by Army Regulation 700-131).

To learn more about the ceremonial ammunition program, contact JMC at 877-233-2515 or by e-mail at ROCK-JMC-Ceremonial Ammo Requests@us.army.mil.

For more information about the ceremonial rifle program, contact DAMI_Donations@conus.army.mil or visit www.tacom.army.mil/ceremonial_rifle/index.htm.

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